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PSC APPOINTS TWO NEW MEMBERS TO NUSF ADVISORY BOARD

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Public Service Commission appointed two new members to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Advisory Board at its June 28 meeting.

Ed Rastovski, superintendent of the Wahoo Public Schools, and Steve Meradith of Lincoln, staff manager/state government affairs for Alltel, will replace Alan Wibbels of Educational Service Unit 10 in Kearney and Bob Lanphier of Qwest in Omaha, respectively.

Rastovski represents education interests on the nine-member advisory board while Meradith is a telecommunications industry representative.

Rastovski has been superintendent of the Wahoo school system since 1998. Prior to that he was superintendent of the Tri-Center Community Schools based in Neola, Iowa; was principal of the Johnson-Brock Public Schools, and was a teacher, coach, and assistant to the superintendent of the Winnebago Public Schools.

Commissioner Lowell Johnson of North Bend, who represents Saunders County on the five-member Commission, said, “Mr. Rastovski has demonstrated that he has a vision for Nebraska as well as being an innovator. His ability to effectively network with his colleagues will be a plus for the advisory board.”

Meradith has worked for Alltel and its predecessor companies, Lincoln Telephone and Aliant Communications, for 25 years. In his current position, Meradith has responsibility for regulatory and legislative issues in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, and Iowa. Meradith also has experience in accounting, marketing, and formerly managed the carrier’s sales group responsible for Alltel’s fiber-optic network. He is a native of York.

First District Commissioner Frank Landis of Lincoln said, “Meradith brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the advisory board. He has had an extremely successful career in the field of telecommunications for many years.”

The advisory board meets twice a year and advises the Commission on matters pertaining to the administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. Members may serve a maximum of two three-year terms.

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